

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
GUIDELINES FOR
2000 STIP ADVANCE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT**

Chapter 783 of the Statutes of 1999 (AB 1012) was signed by the Governor on October 7, 1999, to take effect immediately. AB 1012 added Section 14529.01 to the Government Code with the intent “to facilitate project development work on needed transportation projects to produce a steady flow of construction work by adding an advance project development element to the state transportation improvement program, beginning with the 2000 State Transportation Improvement Program.” Section 14529.01 calls for the fund estimate to include additional STIP program capacity for the project development element, subject to the STIP’s county and interregional shares, and permits the California Transportation Commission to develop guidelines to implement the new law’s provisions.

For implementation of the 2000 STIP Advance Project Development Element, the Commission adopts the following guidelines, which supplement the STIP guidelines as amended by the Commission on September 29, 1999.

1. Amended Fund Estimate. The amended 2000 STIP Fund Estimate identifies \$375 million as the amount available pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 14529.01 of the Government Code for the 2000 STIP Advance Project Development Element (APDE), with county and interregional shares as identified in the attached summary. These APDE amounts are above and beyond the amounts identified in the initial Fund Estimate. Since the initial Fund Estimate called for no new programming capacity, the Advance Project Development Element amount is the sole new programming capacity for the 2000 STIP Fund Estimate. The APDE does not change the status of carryover county share balances, which remain available for any STIP purpose.
2. Programming of APDE County and Interregional Shares. Regions and Caltrans may propose projects from their respective county and interregional APDE shares in the RTIPs and ITIP, and they may propose joint regional and interregional APDE funding for a project. The proposal and adoption of projects will be the same as for other STIP projects, except that projects to be programmed through the APDE are limited to the two STIP project development components: (1) environmental and permits and (2) plans, specifications, and estimates. Projects may not be programmed through the APDE if they are simultaneously programmed for acquisition of right-of-way (including support) or construction from regular STIP programming capacity. Project development work already programmed in the STIP may not be shifted to the APDE.
3. Program Year. APDE projects will be proposed for programming and adopted into the STIP and allocated in the same manner as other STIP projects. They may be proposed for any of the STIP’s four fiscal years. APDE local projects, when programmed, are subject to the STIP’s timely use of funds provisions.

4. Program Amendments. APDE projects may be amended into the STIP at any time after the initial adoption of the 2000 STIP in the same manner as other STIP amendments. The amendments will identify the county or interregional APDE share from which the projects are to be funded.
5. Effect on Regular County and Interregional Shares. APDE programming will be treated as an advance of regular future county or interregional share, although every county, including a county in a region over 1 million population, is eligible for APDE programming. If all or a portion of any county or interregional APDE share is not programmed, that amount will become available to program for any STIP purpose in the next STIP. Amounts that are programmed in the current STIP from a APDE share will be deducted from the regular county or interregional share for the next STIP. The Fund Estimate for the next STIP will include a new APDE fund estimate with new county and interregional APDE shares.
6. APDE Shares May Not Be Exceeded. The programming of a county or interregional APDE share may not exceed the amount identified in the Fund Estimate. A county or interregional APDE share may not be loaned or advanced. However, regional agencies that have agreed to pool their regular county shares (Section 28 of the STIP Guidelines) may also pool their APDE shares. Any region may choose to program project development work from its regular STIP county share.